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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: N. WATANABE, et al

Serial No.: 09/599,735

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For: NETWORK-ATTACHED DISK UNIT WITH DATA  
PROTECTION FUNCTION AND SERVER PROTECTING DATA  
STORED IN NETWORK-ATTACHED DISK DEVICE

Group: 2172

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**AMENDMENT**

**MS Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 29, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.